











Helpful Links for Surveyors Ambulatory Surgical Centers

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Description	Address
Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC) Survey and Certification Memos	
Remember to look for Survey and Certification memos issued after the date of the last revision of the portion of State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix L. Use the search function to narrow the results and find ASC specific memos	Survey and Certification Memos
CMS ASC Infection Control Worksheet	ASC Infection Control Surveyor Worksheet – Exhibit 351
CMS Forms	CMS Forms
CMS SOM Appendices	Medicare State Operations Manual Appendix
Code of Federal Regulations – ASC Regulations	Code of Federal Regulations – ASC
Excerpts from the Social Security Act:	
Section 1864, Use of State Agencies to Determine Compliance by Providers of Services with Conditions of Participation	 Social Security Act Section 1864
Section 1865, Effect of Accreditation	 Social Security Act Section 1865

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Helpful Websites for Surveyors	<p>Remember to look for Survey and Certification memos.</p> <p>If revisions to Appendix L are attached to an S&C memo, you must compare the date of the memo to the date in the current on-line SOM for each of the Tags revised via the memo. The date of the memo must be <i>after</i> the latest date of the revision of the Tag in the SOM for the memo to supersede what you see in the on-line SOM. There is a lag between issuing the memo and updating the SOM. Do not look at the revision date on the first page of Appendix L, as this date only applies to the portion that was last updated (i.e., material in in red italics).</p>
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN)	 Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)	 Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention – Healthcare Infection Control and Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities (2008)	 CDC Disinfection and Sterilization Guidelines
Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, Hand Hygiene in Health Care Settings	 CDC Hand Hygiene
Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI)	 Facility Guidelines Institute
Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP)	 Institute for Safe Medication Practices
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)	 Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

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U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Homepage	 U.S. Food and Drug Administration